

Important Dates:

Sept. 13 Book orders due

Sept. 13 Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:30-7:00

Sept. 14 PD Day

Sept. __ Terry Fox \$2; wear house colour

Oct. 3 Int. soccer

Oct. 4 Jr. soccer

Oct. 5 Raindate for soccer; awards assembly

Oct. 8 Thanksgiving

Oct. 10 Orienteering

Oct. 17 Cross-country

REMEMBER

Bring a full water bottle daily and gym clothes (white t-shirt and black shorts and indoor running shoes). Deoderant is also needed!

If you have not sent in paper towels or Kleenex, please do so.

Dear parents and students:

Welcome back to school! Each month I will send home a copy of the class newsletter, just like this. The other form of communication that is integral in my class is the agenda. It will be used each day, and it is expected that parents will sign it daily, as will I. This tool puts the responsibility on the students to record, track and plan for upcoming events and deadlines, not the adults in their lives!

Homework will be weekly spelling words, memorizing basic math facts, completing unfinished work from class, and reviewing for quizzes. Your child should also try to read out loud to someone as many times a week as possible to develop their fluency. There will be some home projects, but I will always give lots of notice!

A brief curriculum outline:

Language I will listen to each student read out loud, and create reading groups. The students will complete a written reading assessment to help me set planning goals, and we will begin the class novel study of Holes by L. Sachar. We will have weekly spelling words, and will be working on how to write a research report, as it connects to our science topics.

Math Our current unit is patterning and algebra. We will use a combination of textbook, whiteboard, problem solving and multiple choice questions. The students will work independently, in partners and in groups. Please work on basic math facts (adding, sub-

tracting, multiplying and dividing) at home, as this will only improve their confidence, and overall math marks. There will be weekly times table quizzes!

Science/Social Studies I alternate between these subjects. Currently we are beginning our science units of human organ systems (5) and biodiversity (6). The students will share their research projects with the class and complete a quiz before Thanksgiving. Then we will switch to Social Studies.

Health and Phys. Ed. In phys. ed., we will be practising for soccer, and working on being a team player and a good sport! In Health, we are looking at healthy eating, and what that means.

Visual Arts and Drama We alternate between these two areas. The students will complete Caledonia Fair Art. Then they will be selecting and memorizing a poem, and selecting and reading a children's story to the class to develop their skills in expression and timing. The students will have music and dance with Madame Scott!

Thanks so much for supporting my efforts, and for supporting your child as they grow into young, responsible adults,

Mrs. Orr